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Marc Long, et al.

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-57. (Cancelled).

58. (New) A three-dimensional intricately shaped bone graft substitute made by the method comprising the step of dry powder compacting a bone material.
59. (New) The bone graft substitute of claim 58, wherein said bone material is an allograft material, a ceramic material, a polymer or combinations thereof.
60. (New) The bone graft substitute of claim 58, wherein said material further comprises a processing aid composition.